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1. Polish vessels have great difficulties in purchasing fuel oil for their voyages to China. To help remedy this situation, plans are being made to have the tanker PRACA transport oil from Abadan or Constanta to Port Said.* Polish vessels enroute to China are to be supplied with fuel by the PRACA in Port Said. These plans have not yet been put into effect.
2. The ships POKOJ and PRZYJAZN NARODOW were purchased by Poland with Chinese funds.** In the future, vessels purchased for China in this manner will fly the Polish flag because the shipping of Communist China will thus receive better protection in the event of Nationalist Chinese attacks.***

25X1 * Comment: The PRACA is the former Panamanian ship TAWIRA.25X1 ** Comment: The POKOJ and PRZYJAZN NARODOW are believed to be among the ships in the China Service of the Polish Merchant Fleet.25X1 *** Comment: Approximately 50 per cent of the Polish merchant vessels are outdated, 20 per cent are not serviceable and 30 per cent are in generally good condition.

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